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FOR POOR RUSSIA'S SAKE

Dear Christian Friend:—

FOR POOR RUSSIA'S SAKE, please read ALL of this:—

Changes in Russian Religious Affairs during recent weeks make the need for haste in Russian Evangelization Work tremendous.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS MADE AN AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET RUSSIA, though professing abhorrence of Soviet methods. This may be the first step toward healing the ecclesiastical breach of centuries with the Greek Catholic Church.

Over 500 Roman Catholic emissaries have been turned loose in Soviet Russia, with power to say mass in public. If they win the Greek Catholic Church over, as they have won the Soviet Government, the next step may be to CLOSE RUSSIA TO ALL ELSE!

Meanwhile, Christian Science, Theosophy and New Theology are pushing their deadly propaganda among the Russians in this country and in Europe.

EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IS PROVIDED FOR.

WHY DO WE WITHHOLD OUR HELP IN THIS TIME OF DIRE NEED?

AMERICAN CHRISTIANS HAVE AN OPEN DOOR INTO RUSSIA. Our Field Director is in there now, with the door wide open, ready for work.

America fed the starving multitudes. (Like Christ.)
America is now healing their diseases. (Like Christ.)
Will American Christians give the Gospel? (Like Christ.)

A DEFINITE PROGRAM OF MISSIONARY LABOR AND ALSO CO-OPERATIVE SUPPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN LEADERS IN RUSSIA will be announced as soon as Brothers O. R. Palmer, Henry L. Hellyer and our Field Director finish the series of conferences now taking place with the Christian leaders in Russia.

The gathering of funds to enlarge our own Missionary Labors, and also to uphold the hands of the inside Christian forces must begin at once.

Decide now how much you can invest each month to bring the Called Out Ones of Russia into the fold of Jesus Christ, and SET IT ASIDE FOR HIS SAKE.

BEGIN NOW DEFINITE PRAYER FOR RUSSIA.

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS.

What Happened in Europe

Is the Religious Awakening of the Slav the Outcome of the World War?

By H. B. Centz, *Field Director of the Russia Evangelization Society.*

This is the first of a series of articles written by our Field Director, having to deal with religious conditions in Russia and also in Central and Southeastern Europe. Permission to republish these articles will be granted on request to the Editor of "The Russian Harvest Field."

The attention of the world is today centered upon Europe. Even we, of the Western world, although separated by the vast Atlantic, have realized since the day when arms clashed with arms on the battlefields of the old world, how great the effects of the gigantic struggle may prove upon the life of the world, and upon our own nation. With eager eyes and minds we followed the progress of the great conflict of European nations. We saw how one after another they were drawn into the monstrous strife. We saw nations ravaged, bleeding, crushed under the heels of brutal armies, while others, like Russia, the giant of the North, were born to new life and freedom even amid the bloodshed and terrors of war. With trembling hearts we continued to watch and to pray for the day when He who "maketh wars to cease even unto the end of the earth" would have mercy upon the nations and cause the unspeakable catastrophe to come to an end.

NATIONS BORN IN A DAY.

The day came when the war did cease, and out of the great upheaval a new Europe began to emerge. Nations were born and re-born, bringing with them into existence numerous political, racial and economic problems, the solution of which even at this late date seems to be rather a thing of the future.

A great deal is being said and written in our day about the pacification of Europe, and the stabilization of its economic and political systems. But after an extended and careful study of conditions on the Continent the writer wonders whether all that we hear and read about the European situation really goes to the heart of the matter. Are we not too materialistic in saying that all of the troubles Europe is experiencing are due simply to empty treasuries and ruined systems of transportation? Are there not spiritual problems involved that we forget to reckon with, and moral forces at work for good or evil that we do not take into consideration? What really ails Europe? is the question asked everywhere.

It will be agreed that present-day conditions in Europe are the result of a reaction from the old order that precipitated them, and one can not understand the present problems without knowing the causes that evolved them. Let us then ask ourselves the question—

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN EUROPE?

One of the effects of the late war, the most far-reaching and important perhaps, is the new lease on life given to the Slavic nations populating Central and South-Eastern Europe. At last, after centuries of oppression, the Slav has come into his own. It may be a bold thing to say, but we believe that with the Slav rests the solution of the European problems. While other nations are now in the lead, and may continue to be where finance and commerce are concerned, the Slavic nations are bound to become a great moral factor, the influence of which will reach far beyond the boundaries of the European Continent.

In view of the great geographic and political changes brought about by the late war, it has become customary to speak of national and world events as

happening before or after the war. And so we will say, that in times immediately preceding the war four great powers dominated life in Slavonic Europe. Two of these powers were political, and two ecclesiastical, each political power having its ecclesiastical ally. In the North and the North-East of Europe, the Imperial government of Russia held sway over more than 180,000,000 people, scattered over a territory that extended far into what is known as Asiatic Russia. For Russia, as for many another nation, the introduction of Christianity marked a passing from semi-savagery to a state of civilization. The progress and achievements made by the descendants of the Rurics are remarkable. From a scattered group of nomadic tribes, they grew into one of the most powerful nations of the world. A great deal of this progress can be attributed to the efforts and favorable influences of the great characters of Russian history, such as Peter the Great, and Catherine.

THE CHURCH HAD ITS SHARE.

Yet the work of these must not be overestimated. The Church, which in their day became firmly established in Russia, had more to do with the making of the nation than many are willing to admit. It is due to the agency of the Church that the Russians, originally a heathen people, have come to be known as the "Bogoiskateli," seekers after God. By employing elaborate rituals, numerous images and ceremonies, the Church implanted deep within the hearts of the people a profound fear and reverence for God, and for the Lord Jesus Christ. It is an axiomatic truth, that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, and many is the God-fearing soul which has been enabled to pierce through the wall of temporary externalism into the realm of the spiritual and eternal.

It is a regretable fact, and yet one well established by its repetition in history, that in the scheme of human government a union between Church and State never served to the good of either institution, and very often led to the disintegration of both. In time the Russian Church became a mere arm of the Government for the support of an imperial clique and to strengthen its hold upon the people. Those who were supposed to be the messengers of God to the nation, gave up their exalted office to become the "Most Holy Governing Synod" and the spokesmen of the temporal power. The ritual of the Church, originally intended to teach spiritual truth, became a means of planting superstition. Man came to be glorified rather than God. Plainly, God and Truth were shut out, the will and expedience of man reigned supreme.

CHURCH AND STATE UNITED.

Superstition, apart from the fact that it leads to moral decline, always goes hand in hand with oppression. In the case of Russia, an ecclesiastical and a worldly power were united, that by means of superstitious fear and terrorism every ray of spiritual light might be shut out and every moral and social aspiration suppressed.

Heavy was the burden inflicted upon the people of Russia by both Church and State. It is no wonder therefore, that at the time when Russia, as a nation, was looming up large on the international horizon, within the empire was in a marked state of disintegration. Numerous movements were set on foot in protest against the policies of the government and its methods of administration. Propaganda of social and political reform was widely, although of necessity, secretly carried on. Several attempts at revolution were mercilessly suppressed, and the prisons were filled with men and women who dared to claim liberty of conscience and person. Pogroms were frequent. The gallows and firing squads were active, and many a road was traversed by the unfortunate victims of a tyrannical regime bound for exile. The whole atmosphere was poignant with dissatisfaction and with the tears and groans of the oppressed.

LIGHT IN THE DARKEST NIGHT.

As a ray of heavenly light into this vale of tears came the evangelical movement of Russia. Like all spiritual movements born of God, it came to the forefront when the night was darkest.

In its ranks were people of all walks of life and stratas of society. Rich and poor, learned and simple, nobleman and peasant, they were all one in acclaiming the Lordship and Masterhood of the lowly Nazarene. These were no mere visionaries or impractical idealists. With open eyes they looked upon life with all its complex problems, and they wanted to live this life in accordance with the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. They asserted that it was possible. Although from the very first nothing but persecution and ridicule attended their efforts, yet they went forward bringing sunshine, peace and salvation to those whom they touched in their ordinary round of life.

Space will not allow enlargement upon the history of this movement and its accomplishments. Suffice it to say that in a very short time its influence became country wide. The consistent discipleship of the people in the movement won for them the respect of even the radical and atheistic element. In his novel, "Pavel Rudenko," one of the late prominent leaders of revolutionary socialism in Russia, takes one of these evangelicals, or "Stundists," as his hero, and in his person idealizes the whole movement.

PERSECUTED FOR CHRIST'S SAKE.

Very evidently, it was not within the plans of the authorities that an instrument of light from God should exist in their land. For no sooner did this evangelical movement become a fact, than the Church and State authorities set to work to destroy it. Then began a new series of systematic persecutions, tortures and banishments. The servants of Christ now had to take their place with all sorts of criminals in marching from prison to prison, and to receive treatment that was no better, if not worse than that meted out to their political fellow prisoners. Many of these precious servants of God laid down their lives in exile on the frozen tundras of Siberia, but not without leaving the testimony that the Lord Jesus was their joy and salvation even in the hour of greatest trial.

"How long, O Lord, how long?" was the cry that went up from thousands of hearts filled with sorrow and pain. Indeed it was a wonder that the heavens were silent, that God did not thunder forth his wrath upon the oppressors of the helpless and upon the tormentors of His people. It was clear that something had to happen. Things could not go on as they were. Suddenly, as an eruption of a mighty volcano came the revolution of 1917.

POWERS OF DARKNESS OVERTHROWN.

It would be folly for any one to underestimate the benefits of the Russian revolution. But perhaps a word ought to be said to correct an opinion existing as to the causes that brought it about. It was not because the people were burdened by extremely heavy taxation, or because the peasants were not given the land they wanted and needed; it was not even because Russia was waging an apparently unsuccessful war with the Central powers that the nation, through its chosen representatives demanded the abdication of the Tzar, although it will be admitted that all of these were contributing causes. Certainly the taxation and agrarian questions were sore spots on the national body that needed healing. The manner in which the war was carried on by the imperialists was also a sore disappointment. And yet, if one claiming to stand in some degree of nearness to the heart of the Russian people be permitted to speak, the revolt of 1917 was the successful effort of the people in overthrowing the powers of darkness that had held them morally and physically in their claws for many decades, evil forces that were even then at work under the guise of godliness for the destruction of Russia. And this leads one to hopeful belief that no power or government will ever again rule Russia that will not stand for light, liberty, justice and truth.

It seems paradoxical that Russia, having succeeded in overthrowing an oppressive dynasty and having gained for herself a place among the free peoples of the world, should now be found in such an awful plight. Russia is at present a world problem, and we are all trying to solve it in our own ways.

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"Iron Gates" Ajar.

LETTER RECEIVED FROM O. R. PALMER ON WAY TO RUSSIA.

Berlin, Germany, June 21, 1922.

To the Executive Committee of the Russia Evangelization Society:—

Greetings to you from Berlin. The Lord has led us hitherto with safety and with blessing. He has graciously worked for us here, and has done what men have been looking upon as "impossible."

The Friends' Relief Committee which has been working in Russia and Germany have been very kind to us in baling the clothing we have shipped to Russia, and we had from them a very nice letter to their headquarters in Berlin. They, in turn, gave us a letter of introduction to the Soviet authorities here, and a Mr. Rudnisky, who is in Jewish work in connection with our Brother Baron (of London), and has a close touch with the Soviet people, arranged with them for an interview, and went with us for the same.

The result has been most blessed. When they found out that we desired to take in relief, what it was, etc., they granted permission and vised our passports, including our Brother Centz (Field Director of the RUSSIA EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY), and now the "iron gates" have opened for us, and we proceed to Warsaw on our way to Russia to-morrow.

We are now trusting the Lord to keep the door open and to enable us to get in supplies, for the situation is not likely to get much better through the coming fall and winter. We hope to establish some feeding stations in the neglected districts.

Mr. Centz has been very helpful to Brother Hellyer and myself, and will be as we go in to face the difficult things which are before us. I am glad for his sake, for yours, and for ours, that he can have this fellowship and ministry with us. I trust we may be of help to him and to you, as well as he be of help to us.

I trust that out of the baptism of trial your Society has passed through it may come out purified and strong, and that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon you in your plans, and give you a full treasury, so that there may be no lack in your funds for relief and for getting the Scriptures into the hands of the people. *"A great door and effectual is opened up," and the desperate need is likely to continue from all accounts through another winter.*

Regards to all your Committee

(Signed) O. R. PALMER.

AS WE GO TO PRESS A CABLE MESSAGE ARRIVES FROM MR. PALMER, SAYING THEY ARE LEAVING SOVIET RUSSIA ON THEIR RETURN JOURNEY VIA BERLIN AND ALL ARE WELL.

SURELY GOD ANSWERS PRAYER.

The Visit to Russia.

The immediate result of the visit of our Field Director to Russia will be an overwhelming opportunity to spread the Gospel. Within this land of famine there are many consecrated Christians able and willing to preach the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as acceptably as any trained missionary who ever went out from the shores of America or England.

But one thing is needful. The American people must invest, and invest largely. The harvest is ripe. Let us repeat it: *THE HARVEST IS RIPE.*

If the American Christians have any thought of giving Russia the soul-satisfying Gospel of Righteousness, *NOW IS THE TIME.*

To be convinced of the truth, read the article by Mr. A. Lusenberg in this issue of "THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD." Mr. Lusenberg was for eight years publicity manager of the Student Volunteer Movement in the Russian Colleges, and knows the truth.

Religious Literature Needed

Review of Present Russian Conditions and Suggestions Regarding Publication Work.

By Mr. A. Lusenberg.

Mr. A. Lusenberg, For eight years Associate Secretary of the Russian Christian Student Association in charge of the Publication Department at Petrograd, Russia. At the same time Mr. Lusenberg was Secretary for three years of the Russian Evangelical Alliance. He was an officer in the Russian Army in the Great War, and this picture was taken at Odessa in Jan. 1920, a few days before escaping from Russia to Turkey. In Turkey he was first interpreter and in charge of Red Cross stores on one of the Princess Islands; then associated with the Russian Y. M. C. A. in Constantinople, and finally on the staff of the Constantinople Social Survey conducted by the American Allied Relief Organizations. Mr. Lusenberg arrived in America in July, 1921, and is at present Y. M. C. A. Secretary at Ellis Island, and will in the fall resume his studies at New York University to complete his college course begun in Petrograd University. Mr. Lusenberg hopes ultimately to devote his time to missionary service and translation of religious works into the Russian language.

Among the many things which were ruined by the consequences of the Russian Revolution is publication work in Russia. One of the reasons for it, of course, is that the present government has allowed, until the very last days, only the publication of books and pamphlets of its own communistic program. Besides, there are some other difficulties, such as the lack of paper and the tremendous cost of labor.

But in the last two years, especially in countries outside of Russia, where we find at present from two to two and a half million emigrants from Russia, among whom are from 10,000 to 12,000 students, we see the revival of the Russian book. It is chiefly done in Germany, where at least 10 to 15 different publication societies are working at the present time. *Unfortunately, no Christian literature is printed by these societies.*

Mr. J. Kroeker, one of the founders of the Society "Light to the East," who at the present time is in the United States, started some work in Wernigerode, Germany, a few years ago. He has printed several tracts of the very kind the Russians need most of all at the present time. The sufferings all the Russian people have gone through, together with the present uncertain life, have brought most of them to a state of spiritual darkness and despair. Leonid Andreyev's letters and diary, some extracts of which I am enclosing here, show the state of mind of thousands. I could mention many other Russian authors whose books contain the same spirit of depression. *There seems to be no hope for the future; everything is dark.*

In another article, which I am also enclosing, one sees the dangers from another side. The Roman Church will without any doubt use the printed word for getting as many as possible into its arms. *I do not think that they will have any lack of money.*

SATAN'S NEW THOUGHT HARVEST.

Unfortunately, some of the Protestant agencies are planning, and some of them have already done so, to publish literature like Dr. Fosdick's destructive critical views. *Satan through his New Theology will have a great harvest.* It is hard to blame many of those Russians who, not knowing the Living God revealed by our Lord Jesus Christ, are trying to bring forth the social betterment of the world. If they only knew Him, they all would serve Him in the right way.

Two other movements, the Christian Science and Theosophy, are already starting their propaganda work among the Russians here in this country, as well as in Europe.

The above mentioned reasons should be enough to convince anybody whose heart is willing to help this great nation with a great future. *They all are seeking after the Living God.* There have been in the experience of every worker in the field of the Lord cases when the printed word brought souls nearer to Him, and very often they found Him thus. If at the present time, this suggested work of publishing tracts and books could only get started, the results would speak for themselves.

The whole printing could be done in Germany, because of the lower rate of exchange. There is no need to have any extra expenses paid. Mr. Kroeker has agreed to take over the printing and distribution of all these books and tracts in Europe. Mr. Prochanoff, the leader of the Evangelical Christians in Russia, has received the permission from the Soviet Government to get Bibles and religious literature into Russia. Mr. Kroeker has been able to arrange the transport through several brethren in Esthonia. He has also made arrangements with the German Red Cross to send free any amount of books to any place in European Russia and Siberia. The distribution of the books in the United States could be cared for through the office of the Russia Evangelization Society.

GOOD SEED FOR GOOD GROUND.

The following books and tracts are some it would be advisable to publish and to distribute among the Russians:

1. Books and tracts containing the principal Christian truths. (There is already translated, ready for publication, Dr. Gaebelein's "The Work of Christ." Mr. R. Wilder's "Study on the Holy Ghost" was printed in Russian several years ago. This booklet has been used with great blessing by thousands of Russian brethren. It could be reprinted in a new edition. I also have a copy of Mr. I. Kargel's "What is your Relation to the Holy Ghost?" Mr. Kargel is one of the most spiritual brethren among the Russian Evangelical Christians.)

2. Expositions of the Bible for believers. (There is already translated Dr. Gaebelein's book on the Revelation. The Book of Daniel will be ready in a few weeks.)

3. The following questions should be explained from a Christian standpoint: Christian Science, Theosophy, The Jewish Question, New Theology.

4. There is nothing written about the second coming of Christ.

LEONID ANDREYEV'S DIARIES AND LAST LETTERS.

From the last pages of Leonid Andreyev's diary, published in the Russian Art Magazine, "zhar-Ptitsa'" (Fire bird) we find a glimpse of his state of mind during the last days of his life.

". . . so repulsive is everything in the world, so unbearably tedious to live, to talk, to write, that I lack the strength and the desire to scribble down even a few lines. For whom? For what purpose?"

Three days before his death he writes:—

"It is hard to write when the soul aches, and when you feel alive only for a few minutes, while you feel all day long like a corpse, walking about coldly and uselessly among the living. . . How can I break in with my little thoughts? I look on reverently. When the present is so rapidly passing into the future, and from behind one's back the half-dead past is thrusting forth its ugly nose, when not only all the people, kings and laws are clinched in deadly combat, and even the very ages have entered the struggle,—how am I to judge; by what yardstick am I to measure; by what weights am I to weigh it all? I painfully realize the limitations of my human mind. I really feel as if I were a shopkeeper on whose counter the planet Jupiter had been thrown down, and as if I were asked to weigh it. . . Thus I live. . . Chaos on one side, visions and phantoms on the other. . . There lives the truth which I do not know as yet, and who can tell? Perhaps God Himself is there upon His Sinai,—God whom we are all seeking so painfully. . ."

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Your Opportunity and Privilege.

This magazine contains every month considerable news of interest from one of the most profitable Mission fields of the world. This news ought to reach hundreds of good praying Christian people who know nothing of it. This is your opportunity to help in the great work of evangelization among the Russian people. In your next missionary meeting or prayer meeting or young people's meeting, tell something of this work to your friends when you are called on to speak. The prayer meeting is the best place, for Russia needs prayer more than anything else. Prayer changes things.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." This includes Russia just as much as India, Africa, China or South America.

There is hunger in many Russian hearts which only the Gospel of Jesus Christ can satisfy.

What is a Ruble Worth?

In one place a food package (costing $10) and $50 in relief cash arrived at the same time, one sent through the American Relief Administration and the other through one who went to Europe to distribute relief money to the communities to which he was sent. "For the sum of $50 the recipients received 20,000,000 rubles, while the food package is worth at present 30,000,000," reads the letter.

Russia has 60,000 churches and 800 monasteries of the Orthodox Greek faith. Palestine had an abundance of orthodoxy when Jesus came, but "the common people heard him gladly."

Sowing Seed for The Harvest Time.

This American corn is not only feeding the multitudes to-day, but the best of it is being planted and will through the new harvests preserve many lives through the coming winter.

American Christians have the opportunity through their gifts for sending the Bread of Life to Russia to sow seed which will spring up and grow through all eternity. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand."—Eccl. 11:6.

"Impossible."

Since Walter Lyman Brown, European Director of American Relief Association work, first negotiated the Riga agreement under which the A. R. A. entered the Soviet Republic, "impossible" has faced the relief workers at every turn. They were told it would be impossible ever to get enough money together to establish relief on an adequate scale. When Congress gave its $20,000,000 Christmas present and other individuals and institutions came forward with some $30,000,000 more, the A. R. A. was told that it would be impossible to get the food to the famine sufferers in time. Even if they could

ship it across the three intervening seas separating Russia from America, it would still be impossible to get it discharged at the ports. It would be simply ridiculous, of course, to attempt to transport it over the broken-down Russian railroads, and quite laughable to think of moving it where there was no railroad at all.

And yet, despite the prophets, in five months time 8,000,000 people in the valley of the Volga alone are living on food given by the American people. A program calling for the feeding of a million more has been begun in the Ukraine. The Crimea has been taken in, and Trans-Caucasia has a gift of six thousand tons of corn. The A. R. A. feeding front runs from Petrograd in the north to Baku in the south, from the extreme western border of Russia to beyond the Asiatic frontier.

And the formula by which this feat was performed may be summed up in these two brief sentences:—

"Give us what you've got. We'll manage somehow."

This appeal not only saved the lives of millions of Russian people, but brought out nearly $8,000,000 worth of medical supplies from the Red Cross and the American Congress. There was little use of saving the Russians from starvation if they were to die of disease. Not only epidemics but intestinal trouble resulting from the eating of substitutes like clay, were taking their toll of Russian lives.

So the Russian famine with all its attendant horrors is being slowly fought. And the immediate result for the Americans who are accomplishing the "impossible" is an adoration which falls little short of idolatry. In Orenberg five hundred people fell on their knees in the market place when two A. R. A. men came by to watch them getting their first corn. In Samara an A. R. A. inspector was visited by a committee of old men who kissed the ground before him.

These are the outward and visible signs by which Russians show the inner gratitude which they feel for America's help. On this gratitude it is hoped to build such a friendship between the nations as will outlast, if possible, the memory of the world's greatest famine itself.

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As the multitudes followed Jesus Christ for the feeding and healing, so the Russian throngs are literally following the American Relief executives. And it is not to be wondered at. They have been fed and healed of their diseases.

THERE REMAINS BUT ONE THING MORE TO BE DONE. JESUS CHRIST PREACHED THE GOSPEL. AMERICAN CHRISTIANS CAN DO NO LESS. AND NOW IS THE TIME. TO-MORROW WILL BE TOO LATE!

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Words of Encouragement.

"Just read your issue of THE HARVEST FIELD for July; glorious reports. May God put it into the hearts of all his children to push this work of soul saving—*NOW*."

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"Enclosing P. O. for Russian evangelization. I hope to send more as am able. Yes, I am interested and praying. God, forbid that I should sin against Thee in ceasing to pray for them."

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"I was glad to receive THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD. It reached me yesterday and I read it at once. I rejoice at what the Lord is doing there. Those people are surely hungry for the Word, and what an opportunity this is for the American Christians. May they grasp it and send the Bread of Life to a people who appreciate it."

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"Your very touching and stirring letter received some time ago. Many thanks. May the Lord teach me to pray for Russia as never before, and for the awakening of Christians at home to see their duty and opportunity to send the people the Bread of Life. Please use this mite as you think best and may Christ Himself strengthen you in your great work, that you may 'work and faint not.'"

Fighting Russia's Plagues

Constant Streams of Medical Supplies, Serums and Vaccines.

A constant stream of serums and vaccines to fight the epidemic diseases which are raging in Russia, particularly in the famine sections and in those centers of population to which the famine-refugees have fled, is flowing from the great laboratories of Paris to Moscow and thence into each plague-stricken town and village.

Every courier arriving in Russia for the American Relief Administration brings fresh consignments of the life-saving drugs. The Medical Division of the A. R. A. is bending every effort to carry out its prophylactic program, which involves among other items the inoculation of every child receiving its rations and of every adult who receives the American gift of corn, and all others who may apply for it. Immunization from typhoid and cholera can be assured by a practically painless and easy injection of a single centimeter of vaccine.

Enormous orders have been placed with the Pasteur Institute in Paris, and week after week sees new cases of vaccines moving into the great medical warehouses at Moscow; every train carries fresh vaccines from this center to the outlying districts to combat the spread of diseases.

The inoculation is proceeding rapidly throughout the sixteen districts where the American medical supervisors are cooperating closely with the health organizations of the Soviet hospitals and the health agencies of the Soviet government.

Every A. R. A. feeding station, every school where feeding is carried on, every orphanage that draws A. R. A. rations is a clinic for the administration of the preventive remedies which will help to stop the spread of the contagion.

Another important step in the medical relief of Moscow by the administration is the opening of what is called the "A. R. A. Pharmacy." At this pharmacy physicians of hospitals, closed institutions and clinics come for their medicines and surgical supplies for the treatment of their patients. These are the supplies which have been purchased with the funds given by the American Red Cross and are also the contribution of the United States Government to the relief work of Russia. Previous to the establishment of this distributing "pharmacy" practically the only drugs to be found in Moscow were on the open market, and these were neither of the standard nor had they much medicinal value.

The gratitude of the physicians and nurses of the institutions supplied is touching, and the remarkable decrease in the death rate, because of the A. R. A. feeding is amazing the Russian doctors.

Clothing: The hospitals and children's homes are in great need of bedding, hospital and children's clothing.

Hospitals: The Orenburg Gubernia has seventy-eight hospitals with 5320 beds; there are also one hundred and three ambulatories and seven dental dispensaries. There are one hundred and eighty one children's homes where 7591 children are domiciled. In the city proper there are, in addition, thirteen collecting homes which house 11,000 adults and children. Without exception, all hospitals, homes, ambulatories, etc., are inadequately equipped and badly organized. All are, for all practical purposes, without food, fuel, clothing, hospital supplies and medicines. One hospital of two hundred beds in the city has neither toilet or bath rooms.

Out of your comforts and luxuries, what can you spare for Russia's children and her sick and suffering?

Can't Raise Money.

CENTRAL RUSSIAN RELIEF COMMITTEE SEEKING DISSOLUTION

Supreme Court Justice Erlanger had under consideration recently a petition by directors of the American Central Committee for Russian Relief, Inc., to dissolve their organization and turn over surplus funds to agencies doing similar work. When the petition to dissolve was presented, stating that the American public no longer is willing to contribute further for the relief of suffering peoples in Europe, Justice Erlanger reserved decision. Cash on hand was given as $15,228.

Charles W. Eliot, President Emeritus of Harvard, is President of the Committee, and other officers are Mr. Root, First Vice President; Samuel Gompers, Second Vice President; John R. Mott, Third Vice President; Cyrus B. McCormick, Fourth Vice President; Samuel McRoberts, Treasurer, and Boris Bakhmeteff, former Russian Ambassador, sponsor.

The removal of this Emergency relief organization from the field has not lessened the needs of Russia, but it has increased the burden of the societies which remain. Evangelization and relief work must be carried on side by side. The need of both is tremendous.

Ten Thousand Dying Daily.

LONDON, July 20 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).—A steady increase in the reported number of cases of typhus, relapsing fever, typhoid and dysentery in the Ukraine famine area is described by Dr. W. J. Haigh, member of the Epidemic Commission of the League of Nations and medical adviser of the International Russian Relief Executive, in a report submitted to the Council of the League of Nations.

Dr. Haigh asserts that in the Ukraine famine area, where over five and a half million persons are suffering the extremes of famine and disease and dying at the rate of 10,000 per day, food has only been provided for 300,000 daily rations. Epidemics continue to play havoc, he reports.

Cannibalism in Russia.

Among the news articles issued by the American Relief Association recently is the following:—

"The importance of the arrival of the corn cannot be over-emphasized. The situation in this uyezd had become terrible beyond description. *Cannibalism had become commonplace.* People brought their children into the town of Melekes and abandoned them there. In one day recently in the village of Moiseevka thirty people died. Without help from the outside, the whole countryside would have been depopulated. The arrival of the corn has changed all this. All over the uyezd the people are once more after months eating something good. From a land of sadness and death this uyezd is becoming a place of life and happiness. . . . .

"The best part of the description was when the chairman described the delicious bread made from corn. It was most interesting to see this man's face as he told of the joy and gratitude of the people of his village and volost in general, of which he is responsible manager. Before he left he asked me for a piece of paper, on which he wrote the following poem (translated):—

To the American People.
Great Land, Great People,
Greetings to you from the edge of the grave;

Only in you we found our saviour,
And at the edge of the grave you saved us.—E. V. D.

The third line of the poem is significant. Some day these words will ring in the ears of American Friends of Russia who brought their gifts that Russia might have the Bread of Life.

Russia has a Gospel famine. "Give ye them to eat."

Foreign Letters.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD AND CALLS TO PRAYER

Warsaw, Poland, June 30, 1922

My dear Brother Ball:—

Please excuse these few lines written in great haste, as we are continually pressed for time. I just want to greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus, and to say that the hand of God is very evidently upon us. For the past month we have been trying to make our way through the labyrinth of European officialdom. In London we were held up for more than a week, because the Polish Consul would not give us the visa necessary to enter Poland. It took a great deal of time and energy to run from one office to another trying to get around his refusal. Finally Brothers Palmer and Hellyer obtained their visas with the help of the American Ambassador, while I had to get mine in Berlin.

Nevertheless the Lord is with us. We have obtained permission from the Russian representatives here to go to Soviet Russia, and we have also obtained the permission and co-operation of the authorities for work in the Ukraine. Only now we are held up by the Polish authorities for permission to leave their country for the Ukraine. But I am sure that also in this the Lord will help us. I will send, as soon as possible, a detailed report to Brother Smith. I will be glad if you will remember me in prayer in a special way now that I am going into the land of famine and disease.

I want to write to you a few words about a Greek man whose acquaintance I made on the steamer while crossing the Atlantic. He is a priest of the Greek Orthodox Church, and Chaplain of the Greek Navy. As far as I could see he is a man of spiritual aspirations. He talked to me of his ideals for spiritual reforms in the Greek Church, and from what he told me of his personal experiences I gather that the Lord must have been dealing with him. I gave him a pocket Testament in English. He was very much interested when I showed him the Scofield Bible, and he said he would be glad to put the Scofield foot notes into Greek if it would be possible to print an edition of the Scofield New Testament in Greek. I am just passing this on to you, knowing that you are interested in the circulation of the Scofield Bible. Whatever may develop in this direction is left with the Lord. I am sending him a copy of the Scofield Testament. I am sure that the reading of it alone will work a revolution in his life.

I am sending to the office of the Society some of the latest and most authentic statistics and facts about conditions in the South of Russia. From these you will see how great the need is. My heart is fairly breaking when I think of how little we are able to do. I have it from the Secretary of the Ukrainian Embassy here, that in spite of what all relief organizations combined may be able to do, one half of a million people are doomed to die this coming winter of cold and starvation in the Ukraine alone. And what is to be said of greater Russia? May the Lord help us to do all in our power to save life, for eternity and for the present.

H. B. CENTZ.

Again this month we have encouraging reports from our Missionary Paul Mishkoff, in Bulgaria. It is apparent that if funds were in hand for the purpose considerable enlargement of our work under his care would be possible. Opportunities to increase the number of workers could be met if gifts for this special purpose are made by our readers.

Bulgaria, Philippopolis
24 Antim 1 St., June 14, 1922.

To the Office of Russia
Evangelization Society,
156 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. City.

My Dear Brethren:—

We are encouraged in the Lord's work in Bulgaria. Never in the history of Bulgaria have the evangelical meetings been so crowded with hearers as now. This is so all over the country.

We need your painstaking care and wise counsel and prayers. We will see

to making ourselves worthy. We have determined to win this land for the Lord Jesus Christ. The times are propitious. Energetic work, constant prayer and a deep work of grace in the heart will win.

Brethren, let us move together in this and we will move Heaven.

Will you be kind enough to put my name in the book and send me the paper, "THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD." I got only two copies for last year.

I heard of the arrival of Brother Centz in London. I will look forward with great pleasure to the time when I shall see him face to face, and the perishing all the time. Let us go on to save the souls which are dying without the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us preach the Gospel, let us make known the salvation through the blood of Jesus. Let us have a heart of compassion, like Christ. Let us lean on the almighty arm of God. Bulgaria must have the Gospel, and not only Bulgaria, but all the Slavonic nations. Do not let the enemy discourage you. It is the Lord's work and victory is ours. The Almighty is with us. Let God work through us.

Remember, our work is not in vain—it is in the Lord, for Him and His

RUSSIAN CHRISTIAN MEETING AT VIBORG, FINLAND, 75 MILES FROM PETROGRAD. MISSIONARY DOBRININ IN THE PULPIT.

whole work will be considered in a conference I expect to have with him as soon as he reaches Bulgaria.

I want to see the best work possible to be done for the salvation of the Bulgarian people.

Please pray for us.

Yours fraternally in Christ,
PAUL L. MISHKOFF.

June 23d, 1922.

Dear Brethren:—

The work which God gave us to do must continue at all events. Souls are

glory: With sincerest greetings, with prayer and good wishes, I am,

Yours in Him,
PAUL L. MISHKOFF.

If the Protestant denominations sit still a few years longer, the Roman Catholic Church will gain such a foothold in Russia that other entrance will be impossible. "To-morrow will be too late" is a fact, not a mere figure of speech.

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E. H. Danctuary *Treasurer.*

The Limit of Our Usefulness.

The present plans of our Field Director call for a survey of the field over which he traveled in 1920-21, meeting the missionaries and the people they have served. Opportunities for further extension of missionary work will be found frequently during this journey, and all through the two years which Mr. Centz plans to spend on the field. To what extent these opportunities for service will be met is still an unanswered question. Obviously the answer hinges on the amount of financial support forthcoming from the friends of Russia in America.

There is no limit now in sight to the number of educated spiritual native Christians prepared for service. Neither is there any limit to the unoccupied territory, or people hungry for the Word of God. There is little noticeable antagonism against our work or our workers. The arm of the Lord has not been shortened; He still answers prayer.

The limitations are all on this side of the Atlantic Ocean, and are vested in the question of how much of an investment the Christian people of America are willing to make to carry the Gospel to Russia.

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Russia Evangelization Society,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:—

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What Happened.

(Continued from page 6.)

But is it not true that Russia, the new Russia, has not yet had those elements brought into her life which she sadly had been denied in the past? We talk about Russia's need of railways, machinery and agricultural implements, about her broken down systems of finance and commerce. We think of her undeveloped mines and idly standing virgin forests. Surely no one will deny Russia's need of all of these things. But is the solution of the Russian problem in them, and in them alone?

RELIGIOUS HUNGER UNSATISFIED.

Russia is a nation adrift in the highways of the world. Having been freed from slavery, she has not yet entered upon the privileges of liberty. Russia must find her soul. The Russian, by nature, is deeply religious. He has learned to seek in God the reason for his existence, and after God he hungers. Religious desires and aspirations which formerly sought for expression in the church, now remain unsatisfied. As a spiritual power the Church has failed. In the crucible of war and revolution all her hideous idolatry, falsehood, uncleanness and treachery have been revealed, and the people have turned away from her in disgust. As a system, the church fell, together with the monstrously tyrannical power whose tool it was, and by which in turn it was supported. And yet, here are millions upon millions of people who, if God is to be taken out of their lives, will be lost in utter darkness and misery, not in the life to come only, but in this life as a nation. True, there are encouraging signs of reform and regeneration among the clergy in Russia, but these men are as yet too few in number compared with the millions who are to be served and led. It may also happen that the church itself will experience a new birth and will begin to supply a definite spiritual need for the people. But so far it remains impotent.

Those closely acquainted with the Russian problem will readily admit that there is no hope for the Russian nation in any new social experiment. In this respect they have gone far beyond the other nations. What then is the possible solution to the Russian problem?

We believe that *CHRIST* is the only solution to the Russian problem. In a personal contact with Him is the salvation of the individual, and in a sound application of His teaching and principles to national life is the collective salvation and welfare of the people. *RUSSIA MUST THEN HAVE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST—AND THAT SPEEDILY.*

In the next article I want to deal with the Central and Eastern European situation.

THE PESTILENCE IN RUSSIA.

Funeral procession bearing bodies of children killed by famine and disease. The famished, emaciated bodies of little children are found every day, some with the bark of trees or roots clutched in their cold, dead fingers. *—From General Relief Committee Bulletin, July 13.*

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IMPORTANT NEWS FROM RUSSIA

REV. O. R. PALMER AND OUR FIELD DIRECTORS GIVE NEW MESSAGES TO AMERICA

Zdolbunowo, Poland,
Border of Russia, July 6, 1922

DEAR BRETHREN:—

I am writing you from the border of Russia, where Brother Hellyer and I have been resting for 3 days while our Brother Centz has been visiting Prague, before we enter the famine and pestilence-stricken districts of Russia. Our papers have been received. *We not only have permission to enter, but the active co-operation and help of the Ukraine officials, who are much interested in our errand of mercy. They offer to take us in three days hence in their Diplomatic Car,* under the direction of their own courier, and to render us every aid in making investigations and affording relief. Their Minister of Trade is taking care of our shipment of clothing now at Dantzig and will ship it into Kiev, there to await our instruction. *They have placed their Diplomatic wires at our disposal* in case we need them, and in general to look out for us. *They say it is not a privilege granted, but they feel it to be a duty for their suffering country.* You can see by this how mightily God hath wrought for us, and now we trust these iron gates so long closed may remain wide open for supplies to be rushed in.

Ukrania, where we first enter, has helped the other districts during the famine, but now they are badly smitten with both starvation, and typhus, which is following in its wake. Their government reports for this province alone show *6,000,000 dying of starvation,* and these they say must perish before another spring *unless help comes from outside sources,* and comparatively little has as yet been done or is being done for this District. As we go on in our mission the conviction grows upon us that the special purpose of God in sending us out here at this time was to *SAVE LIFE,* but the task before us is gigantic, and we behold the vision and face the task in absolute dependence upon God that He will work to meet the need in answer to the prayers of His children. *We are going to need the actual and earnest help of every child of God we can enlist for the task.*

I have here in my room a sample of the bread sold in the famine stricken regions for 50,000 roubles (about 12½¢ a pound our money). This bread does not look to me as if it contained any flour, not even the coarsest black rye. It looks like a mixture of herbs, grass, etc., with something, I cannot tell what, as a base to mix it together, and in feeling almost like a piece of stone. I should think it would utterly ruin the digestive organs of any man or woman who attempted to eat it, and that a horse or cow in our own country would not touch it. I hope to bring a sample to show you what it really is. Such conditions are enough to melt hearts of stone, and *we have mingled our tears and prayers with Brethren here who know the conditions or have been actually in the midst of them,* as soon we expect to be.

To make this awful condition even more serious, *our CHRISTIAN BRETHREN, Evangelicals, Baptists, etc., are among the greatest sufferers.* For instance, the Government only gives relief, the little they are able to give, to those who labor with their hands. This is the law of their land. The Pastors would have been compelled to leave their ministry of shepherding their flocks to go out to labor with their hands, and they choose to suffer without the pittance, and their congregations are themselves now too poor to help. *These Christian Brethren, noble examples of simple apostolic Christianity, are dying by inches.* The Spirit of God has done, and is doing, a great work in Russia, where the Gospel has not been "huxterized," as in our own land. In the Kiev District, a part of Ukrania, there are 400 Evangelical Churches and about 200 of the Baptist faith. There is a Macedonian cry from these Brethren to *come over and help them.* If distributing centres can be established, feeding stations opened, and medical supplies furnished, we purpose to use the Russian Christians to man these places and to see that everything is done in a careful and systematic way. We have already been in touch with the Christian forces, to make our investigation and

to form our plans, so that matters will be well cared for inside, if we can enlist the needed cooperation and help in America. Supplies can now be shipped in through the Ukraine authorities, or purchased inside from the American Relief.

This need is so great, the necessity so compelling, that I feel our Societies should act together in the closest possible relation for the present and that we seek together to enlist every Christain and humanitarian agency we can to help. My own thought which I believe is shared by our Brethren, is, that *we should help first our Christian Brethren in an entirely non-sectarian way,* for we are taught "do good to all men *ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO ARE OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.*" Here is an opportunity to carry this teaching into effect. May our God deliver us from any and all who exploit the suffering of poor Russia for their own selfish ends, while sending little or nothing to the starving, and may He enable us to get to the field the very maximum of relief at the minimum of expense.

In closing, may I ask you, Brethren, to gird up your loins for this emergency. *It will be a great opportunity to make Christ known in reality, and pave the way for the distribution of Scriptures, and the preaching of the blessed Gospel,* for we do not forget that the masses perish for the Bread of Life as well as lack of nourishment for the body. If God spares us to return, which I hope will be by the first of September, may I not see you soon afterwards? In the meantime, will you not do all that is possible to make these conditions known by laying it upon the hearts of Pastors and Christain Business men in Greater New York. Perhaps on my return you can arrange for a public meeting with them where I can lay before them the situation, and a relief Committee be formed. Would you think it advisable to bring this appalling need to the attention of the Christian Herald, to see if they would give it publicity, and open their columns for the receipt of contribution? Ordinarily I would not suggest it, but do so now because this is the heart cry of millions of our fellow men. *NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT, both from a material and spiritual standpoint.* Yours in Christ Jesus,

O. R. PALMER, PASTOR.
BERACHAH CHURCH, PHILADELPHA, PA.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

I join heartily in Mr. Palmer's appeal and plan for action. I deeply regret that my promised detailed letter has been so long delayed, but I am under awful pressure and almost on the verge of a breakdown. As soon as possible I will write in fullest detail about everything. For the present, I can add only my plea for action and help. Wholeheartedly yours,

H. B. CENTZ,
FIELD DIRECTOR, RUSSIA EVANGELIZATION SOC.

Zdolbunowo, July 19, 1922.

The General Secretary
Russia Evangelization Society
New York City, U. S. A.

My Dear Brother and Friend:—

On arrival in London, after my meeting with Bros. Palmer and Hellyer, we at once took up the matter of getting our visas and buying the supplies necessary for the continuation of our journey. Very unexpectedly, the first of these tasks proved to be the very difficult one. The Polish Consul, to whom we applied first, refused us permission to enter Poland, claiming that we should have obtained our visas from the Polish Consul in America. No persuasion would help. We tried every possible means of establishing the propriety of our mission and the necessity of entering Poland. Finally, by prevailing upon the officials at the American Embassy to take up the matter; the other brethren obtained their visas, while for me it remained to try again at Berlin.

When we reached Paris, I broke down completely, and had to go to bed. Nevertheless, we spent one evening and a whole day in very blessed fellowship with Dr. R. Sailliens of the Bible Institute in Nogent.

You will understand me when I say that as far as my part in the mission was concerned, I was walking a blind part, and I was simply trusting the Lord to show me at some point of the journey where to go and what to undertake. I was decided on one thing, however, that if an opportunity came to go into the heart of Russia, all other plans would have to take a secondary place. And just as we have asked in believing prayer, the Lord made the way very plain for us when we reached Berlin.

In America, as well as in Europe, the thought of traveling to Russia, and the obtaining of the necessary per-

mits, is connected with numerous insurmountable difficulties, and rightly so. It is not an easy matter to obtain a permit to enter Russia and to get the necessary traveling facilities. But even this appears to be but a small matter with the Lord. *There were three very much surprised men at the Soviet Embassy in Berlin, when after they presented their case they were told to leave their passports and the needed visas would be given them without delay and free of charge.* Having obtained this favor from the Lord, we were strengthened in our belief that it was the Lord's will to take us into Russia for a spiritual and relief ministry, and also that we may be able to see and tell the truth about actual conditions in that land of mystery. With some little added difficulty I succeeded in obtaining my visa for Poland, and after making some additional purchases we started for Warsaw.

Our first interest in Warsaw, of course, was to get in touch with the brethren living and working there, as it was Brother Palmer's desire to come in touch with the spiritual forces and interests of every country we would be able to visit. Accordingly, I took occasion to acquaint Brother Palmer with our work in Poland and with a number of the brethren who were formerly associated with us. We also had great joy in meeting in Warsaw Brother W. E. Egorov, from Kiev, Ukrania, who is the leader of the Evangelical Christian movement in that part of Russia. With this brother we had some preliminary conferences in Warsaw, and we hope that when we reach Kiev we will be able to form a plan of co-operation that will be for the glory of God and for the furtherance of the work of the Gospel in Russia.

While in Warsaw we found that since we were entering Russia through the Ukraina, it would be necessary for us to obtain the permission of the Ukrainian authorities. When we called at the Ukrainian Embassy, the officials were very kind to us, and not only granted us the necessary visas, but offered us every facility for travel and communication. So that, on Thursday of this week, when we start for Russia, Brothers Palmer, Hellyer and myself, it will be *in a sleeping car compartment of a diplomatic train running from the Polish frontier to the capital of Ukraina, Kharkov.* In addition to this, they have undertaken to transport all of our relief supplies, as well as twelve cases of Bibles, New Testaments and hymn books, and have also offered to carry our mail and to give us the use of their private telegraphic wire between Kharkov and Warsaw.

But while we are meeting with much kindness on the part of the Soviet authorities, the Polish government put many difficulties in our way by refusing us permission to leave Poland for the Ukraina. It has taken us more than a week of continuous running from one ministry and bureau to another, much exertion and unpleasantness before we obtained the necessary permission in the form of rubber stamps on our passports. When Brother Palmer returns home, he will be able to tell you what amount of time and strength it has taken to arrange all of these things, and it is no wonder that we are going in to Russia almost tired out. I have not even had the time to take some injections against the prevalent diseases of typhus and cholera, and will just have to trust the Lord to keep me from these. If we decide to return from Russia by way of Poland, we will plan to be back to Zdolbunowo, a frontier town where we are now, by the end of September, as our Polish visas for returning from Russia are good only until October 3d.

The work in Volhynia. The work here is a part of the Russian Evangelical movement. In this section of Poland, formerly belonging to Russia, there are more than 6,000,000 Russian people, and the work of the local brethren has been blessed to the extent that within three years there have been raised up more than 24 organized congregations. Last year, the brethren who have the leadership of this work asked for an affiliation with our Society, and their letter was published in THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD. We have supported them financially until now, and it is their desire to come into closer contact with us. They have now renewed their requests for my personal ministry among them in organizing classes for Bible study, and a Bible course for their evangelists and workers. Brother Palmer will present in greater detail the needs of the work here, but I want to say that we ought to take these brethren and their work under our care spiritually and materially. At the pres-

ent time, $300.00 is needed monthly for the support of 12 evangelists and for renting places of meeting.

The work in Russia. As I have already mentioned, we had preliminary conferences with Brother Egorov of Kiev, and when we get to Russia we expect to have a conference with him and Brother Prokhanov. When we found Brother Egorov here, he was on the way to America to make known the needs of the Evangelical movement of Russia, but upon the advice of Brother Palmer and myself, and feeling also so led of the Lord, he returned to Kiev to await our arrival. Brother Palmer promised him that when he returns to America he will do his best to make this need known and to establish a channel through which help could go to them.

Plans for America. Mr. Palmer is most sympathetic to our work. I have enjoyed my time of fellowship with him very much, and I feel that the Lord is bringing us into closer relationship one with the other. Since coming here to Europe, Brother Palmer has been aflame with the vision of the needs and possibilities that God has given him, and I believe that from now on he will consider the work in Europe, and especially in Russia, the greatest thing in his life.

As you know, these brethren went out on a mission of relief. They have asked me to join with them for the help that I can be to them, but a larger thing has grown out of our fellowship. Both of these brethren are interested to see our Society a real instrument in the hands of the Lord for the Salvation of souls in Russia and wherever else our work may be carried on. But at the present time, work in Russia cannot be carried on apart from relief. The need of spiritual help is indeed great, but *who from the outside well-fed world can go into Russia to preach the Gospel without bringing some bread for the starving brethren?* It has, therefore, grown upon us as we thought and prayed about these things, that our two Societies (The Russia Evangelization Society and The Christian Testimony to Jews) should unite for a work of relief as long as this present emergency exists, with one great appeal for bread and medicines and clothing for the perishing Christians of Russia and the Ukraine.

There is no doubt that the Lord is opening to us a great and effectual door into Russia, and we believe that the work of relief will be a means of spreading among the people the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. If we should take for a token the attitude toward us of the Soviet authorities, it would surely seem that the Lord is bidding us enter. Many a business firm, commanding millions of dollars, and many a world-wide ecclesiastical or religious organization would covet in vain the privileges that your three brethren have been able to get by the grace of God, through His help, from the Soviets. *Just think of it, the Soviets sending in transports of Scriptures for us into Russia along with supplies of clothing and food.* Has not God given us the desire of our hearts in making us in reality a Society for the Evangelization of Russia—not on paper, but really working in Russia. Then let us praise Him and take heart. I thank God that He counted me worthy to go on this mission.

This evening I am leaving for Warsaw to make final arrangements for our journey, and on Wednesday night I will leave Warsaw in company with the Soviet diplomatic courier bound for Russia, the other brethren joining us in Zdolbunow, which is on the way to the Russian frontier.

Condition of funds. My supply of funds available for traveling expenses and for general purposes has come to an end and is possibly overdrawn, but by the time I get back to civilization I expect that the Lord will enable you to replenish my treasury.

Brethren Palmer and Hellyer send their Christian greetings. Pray much for all of us. I hope to prepare by tomorrow some statistics and figures about conditions in Russia and send them to you the same day. With Christian greetings to you and all the brethren of the Committee, I remain

Faithfully yours,
(Signed) H. B. CENTZ.

As stewards accountable unto the Lord, we are ready to receive and distribute gifts of money and clothing for the relief of our suffering brethren in Russia and the Ukraine, according to the plan outlined.

RUSSIA EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY.

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Thousands of Russian Refugees have fled over the border into Finland during the past year. Within less than 100 miles of Petrograd, on their line of travel, our Missionary Dobrinin is working. At least five Missionaries ought to be located at this strategic point.

Over 2,000,000 people have left the Catholic Church in Czecho-Slovakia in the last twelve months. Our European headquarters are at Prague, Czecho-Slovakia. We have been supporting three splendid Missionaries in Bulgaria, one a Moody Bible Institute graduate. Larger investments in these ripe fields would win many to the Evangelical Churches, and guide thousands who are just now groping for the Light of Life.

In Volhynia (formerly part of Russia, now of the Ukraine) we were able last year to offer considerable support to the Christian workers. This year, with the need greater than ever, we have been able to do practically nothing in this district of 300,000 square miles and 33,000,000 people.

Many opportunities to commission and support consecrated native Christians as Missionaries are coming to us as our Field Director goes back and forth over the mission fields of Russia and Central and Southeastern Europe. Unless gifts are made, these workers must remain at manual labor.

The Russia Evangelization Society is concentrating its efforts on evangelization work in the above fields. Knowing your interest in the Lord's work, and also your friendship for Russia, we offer these opportunities for investment in this ripe harvest field.

Resistance of the preached Word has been replaced by such hunger as the world has never known.

Relief funds will be administered to the best judgment of our Directors and Missionaries. Warm clothing and other really useful relief supplies will be distributed where most needed. Your aid can prevent much acute suffering, perhaps death itself, during the hard winter so soon coming over Russia.

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